

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning a user identifier to each user of the system;  
preparing a security profile corresponding to each identifier, each security profile including a set of authorized transactions;  
preparing a list of pairs of incompatible transactions if performed by the same user in accordance with said predetermined rules;  
comparing each security profile with said list, to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and  
generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transactions and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles,  
wherein said comparing step and said generating step are automated.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

after said preparing steps, storing the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions in a computer-readable storage medium; and  
retrieving the security profiles and the list of pairs of incompatible transactions from the computer-readable storage medium,  
wherein said storing comparing step and said retrieving generating step are automated.

Claim 3 (original): A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

modifying at least one of  
(a) a security profile including a pair of incompatible transactions, and  
(b) said list of pairs of incompatible transactions, so that said security profile after modification does not include a pair of incompatible transactions; and  
generating a report indicating the modification made in said modifying step.

## Claims 4-6 (cancelled)

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Claim 7 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium having stored therein instructions for performing a an automated method for facilitating implementation of an automated system for transacting business, the system having a plurality of users each having a user identifier, the users being subject to predetermined rules governing business conduct, the method comprising the steps of:

retrieving a security profile associated with each user identifier, the security profile including a set of authorized transactions;

retrieving a list of pairs of incompatible transactions if performed by the same user, where said list is prepared in accordance with said predetermined rules;

comparing each security profile with said list, to identify security profiles including at least one pair of incompatible transactions; and

generating a report indicating those security profiles which include incompatible transactions and the user identifiers associated with those security profiles

## Claim 8 (cancelled)